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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 14, 2006 to which a response is due with a two month extension by February 14, 2007. A request for a two month extension of time accompanies this submission. In view of the following amendments and remarks,

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in the application.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.